



JUDICIAL PROFILE

B. Michael Dann has been a Superior Court judge in Maricopa County since 1980, during which time he has been a leader among his fellow judges. Four years after becoming a judge, he was selected to preside over the court's Civil Department. A year later, the Arizona Supreme Court appointed him as Superior Court's Presiding Judge, which is the court's top leadership judge. He served in that position for five years. In nearly 20 years on the bench, his judicial career has encompassed criminal, domestic relations and special assignment cases, and has prompted improvements among many of the nation's courts. Currently, Judge Dann is assigned to the Civil Department. While in private practice between 1967 and 1980, he specialized in both civil and criminal litigation. He was a partner in the law firm of Treon, Warnicke, Dann and Roush from 1972 to 1980. He was an associate with the law firm of Streich, Lang, Weeks, Cardon & French from 1967 until 1971, becoming a partner in 1971. He graduated cum laude from the Harvard Law School in 1966. In 1992, he obtained a graduate law degree from Virginia Law School, writing a thesis on jury reform. He received his undergraduate degree with distinction from Indiana University in 1961.



Judge Dann is a nationally renowned expert on jury reform. He has participated in numerous speaking engagements, authored several articles and has been a consultant to the National Center for State Courts, Institute of Justice, the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, Justice Fellowship National Office and the National Association of Court Management. He was the recipient of the 1997 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence from the National Center for State Courts and United States Supreme Court, as well as the 1990 Distinguished Service Award. Judge Dann is the Chairman of the Arizona Judicial Council of Legislative and Child Support Committees. He was a member of the Arizona Commission on the Courts and the Chairman of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on More Effective Use of Juries. Judge Dann is also a volunteer with the Make a Wish Foundation, the Director of the Seventh Step Foundation, the OK Community Director. He is president of the board of directors of the Phoenix Children's Theatre and is a lecturer at the Franciscan Renewal Center.